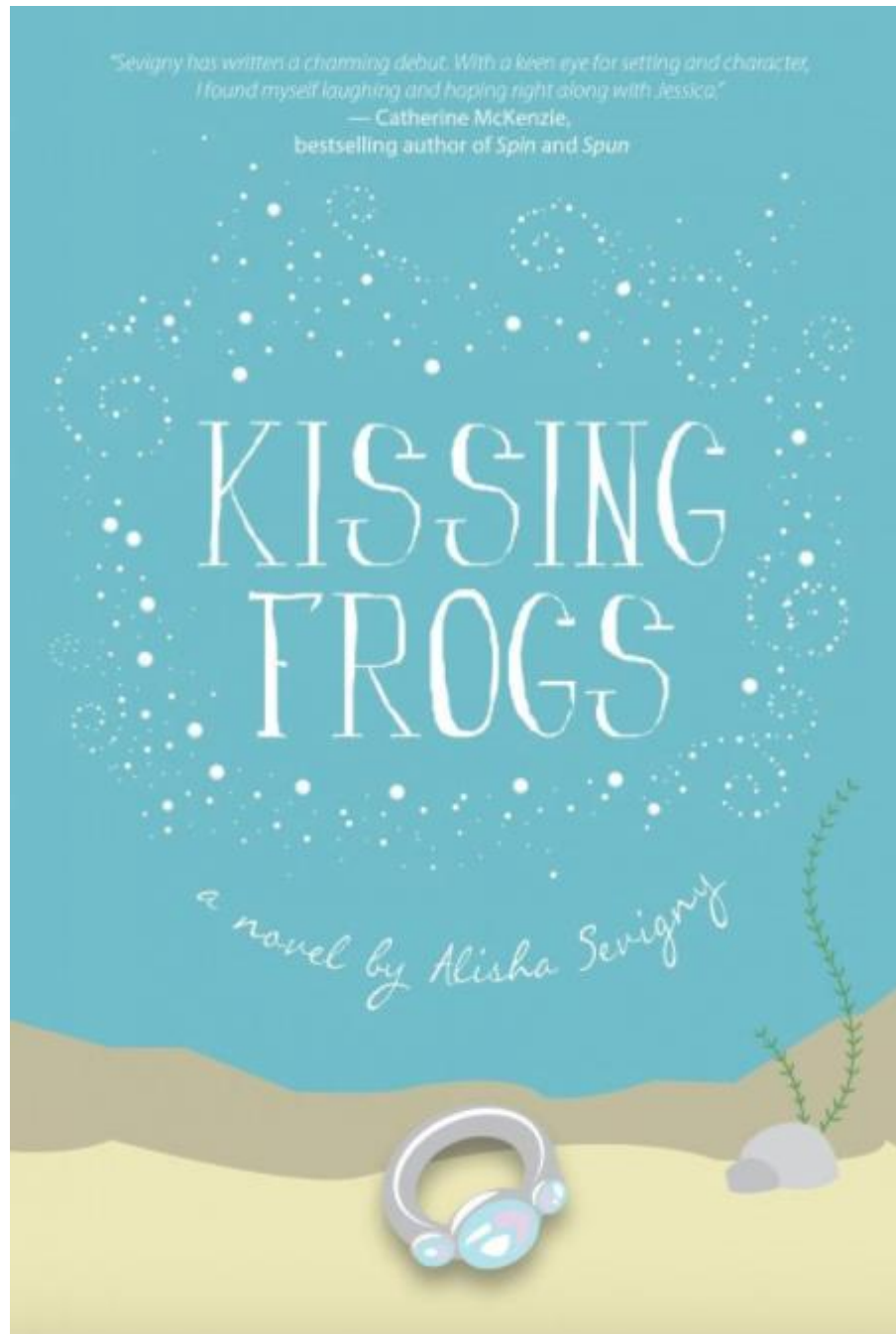


# Kissing Frogs: Reader's Guide



## Discussion Questions

1. At the beginning of the novel, Jessica learns she has to go on a trip to Panama to study endangered frogs if she wants to save her Biology mark. The other students on this trip have spent a lot of time and hard work fundraising and preparing for this exciting opportunity. Do you think it was fair to them for her to be allowed to go last-minute? Explain your thoughts
2. When the characters arrive in Panama, Jessica is told to give up her phone for the duration of the trip. Do you think that this was a good idea? Would technology hinder the focus of their project on the endangered Golden Frog?
3. Throughout the novel, we learn about how Jessica is intelligent and how she “dumbs” herself down to fit in with the popular crowd at her high school. We even learn that because of these friends, she has lost sight of her dream college. What do you think of this?
4. Jessica mentions her upbringing and how her mother always focused on critiquing her appearance, while also wanting her to remain in good social status. How has this affected the person that Jessica has become?
5. Do you think Kiki and Chrissy were justified in being rude towards Jessica given that Jessica’s friend group wasn’t so nice to them in the past?
6. In the scene when Jessica is giving Harp a makeover, Jessica makes a comment that girls can be both smart and value the way they look. Discuss your thoughts on why the media often portrays that women can only be one or the other.
7. The group sneaks into an all-inclusive resort and do a few things to damage the trust between them and their teacher. Have you ever done something to damage someone’s trust? Is there ever a good reason to do this? How can we repair things once this happens?
8. The students on this trip come to a theory that their teacher Mr. A, and their trip host Lola, have romantic feelings towards each other. This leads them to try to get the two of them to have alone time together. What are your thoughts on this? Is it even their place to do this?

9. Do you think it's difficult for people to be their authentic selves sometimes? Why or why not?
  
10. What are the trademarks of a good friend? Of a healthy romantic relationship?
  
11. The purpose of the students going to Panama was to study the endangered Golden Frog. If you had the chance to study and help an endangered species, what animal would you choose and why?
  
12. KISSING FROGS is a modern retelling of the original FROG PRINCE fairy-tale. Do you enjoy fairy-tale retellings? Why or why not? Do you have a favourite? Do you think they are relevant in today's society?